million sq. mtrs. The actual production (Provisional) was 39,202 million sq. mtrs. per capita availability of cloth was projected at 28.9 sq. mtrs. for that year, whereas the actual production came to 30.55 sq. mtrs., exceeding the targets in both cases.

In order to develop a strong and vibrant textile industry capable of producing quality cloth at acceptable prices, contribute increasingly in the provision of sustainable employment and economic growth of the country and competing with confidence for an increase in share of global market, Government have recently announced National Textile Policy 2000. The policy envisages thrust areas & programmes measures to promote & facilitate the industry to achieve these goals.

Complaint against existing quota policy of exports of textiles

†2853. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many exporters are complaining against existing quota policy and are not satisfied with the above policy;

(b) if so, the steps taken to remove drawbacks in the policy;

(c) whether Government have made any assessment of the situation so far; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the extent to which textile export will be benefited by it in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) to (d) Exporters are not complaining against existing quota policy. However, Government have been giving due consideration to the

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†. Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

suggestions received from time to time for further simplifying the Quota Policy provisions. Some of the recent changes made in the Garment and knitwear Quota Policy for making the provisions more simple, transparent and exporter friendly, include the following:—

(i) A Notification dated 13-6-2000 has been issued clarifying that the third party shipments are not allowed in respect of non-transferable quotas.

(ii) A Notification dated 21-7-2000 has been issued to allow the stand alone exporting units, directly engaged in value addition to garments and totally dedicated to garmenting activity, to claim NIE quota. Besides the Notification also provides the NIE quota holders to opt for not more than 50% of their eligible investment for entitlement in the next year.

(iii) A Notification dated 8-1-2001 has been issued to allow carry over of Part-I quotas to Part-II period subject to the condition that quota of that country/category which that particular country/category shall become non-transferable during the entire allotment year. The measure has been introduced to mitigate the difficulties in export of certain textile categories having seasonality in demand.

(iv) A Notification dated 21-1-2001 has been issued to allow Mutual Transfer System along with Electron Transfer System (ETS) and empowering Director General, Apparel Export Promotion Council to review his speaking order in respect of pending appeal cases of first and second appellate authority.

The above changes are expected to have beneficial effect on textile exports.